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**Re: Highly Ductile Reduced Imperfection Weld for Ductile Iron and Method For Producing Same**

Applicant: Copeland, et al  
Application No.: 09/866,258  
Filed: May 29, 2001  
Art Unit: 1725

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Office Action for the above-referenced patent application, as well as a check in the amount of \$930.00, for an extension fee of three months.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions. A Certificate of Mailing and Authorization to charge deposit account are affixed hereto.

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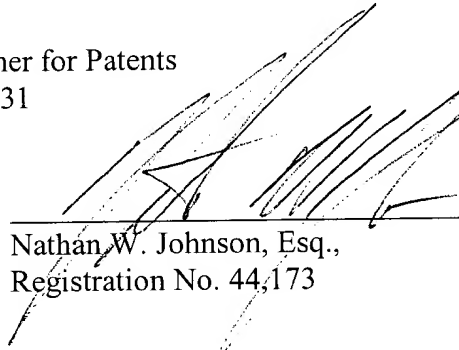


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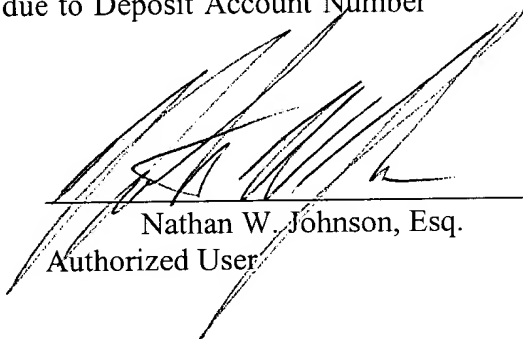
  
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